

Beauvais Said To Be on Way to N. Y. to Testify

Quits Montreal After Talk at Station With Lawyers for Defense, Who Plan to Call Him at Next Hearing

New Leeds Witness Found

Beauty Doctor Says Visitor at Ex-Show Girl's Rooms in New York Was Banker

Rumors that Fred Beauvais will appear at the next hearing of James A. Stillman's divorce suit were strengthened yesterday when the French-Canadian guide whom Mr. Stillman named as co-respondent, asserting that he was the father of Guy Stillman, closed his home and left Montreal, ostensibly for New York.

Beauvais's departure followed an interview with a group of Mrs. Stillman's representatives at Windsor Station. Intimate friends of the guide in Montreal refused to discuss the matter, declaring that to give his destination or the names of persons he had met probably would affect the case.

Charles Wallace, of counsel for Mrs. Stillman, went to Montreal for the purpose, it was said, of persuading the former superintendent of the Stillman estate on the St. Maurice River to come to New York to testify in Mrs. Stillman's defense. In interviews given in Canada Beauvais has expressed his readiness to do so and has asserted that parts of letters introduced by Mr. Stillman are forgeries.

His brother, Arthur, has attended previous hearings in the case as interpreter. Other testimony which is to be given

in Mrs. Stillman's behalf deals with jewelry which Mrs. Florence Lawlor Leeds, former show girl, displayed in New York and at Florida resorts, with her \$10,000 fur coat and her \$45,000 apartment on Park Avenue. A New York beauty specialist has come forward with the information that it was the habit of the ex-show girl to confide in her some of her troubles and triumphs with the man she called Mr. Leeds.

Says "Leeds" Is Stillman

The volunteer informant has identified James A. Stillman as the "Mr. Leeds" in question. It is expected that he will testify for the defense. She declares that Florence Leeds on different occasions showed her diamonds and emeralds of high value and said they were given to her by Mr. Leeds.

Once, it is said, she told of a fur coat which had cost \$10,000. Visits paid by "Mr. Leeds" to Mrs. Leeds's apartment are described in detail by the beauty specialist, who says she was there on several occasions and saw the couple together. She also testified that Mrs. Leeds's distress over her hair, which had been ruined by bleaching and to the two false pieces she wore at either side to the openly expressed annoyance of the financier.

In or about the month of September, 1919, Mrs. Florence H. Leeds became one of my customers," said the beauty specialist in describing her association with the ex-show girl. "In that month she came to my office twice a week and she was very valuable to me. Some of her jewelry that I remember were a diamond shaped diamond ring, two octagon diamonds and one of which was between five and seven carats, a bar pin of sixteen diamonds of about one carat each and two bracelets made of square diamonds, each stone being about one carat in weight. Emeralds and diamonds were set around the bracelet.

One Gift Came From Abroad

"She also had a diamond wrist watch and a ball watch made of diamonds with a platinum chain, which she wore around her neck, and a gorgeous diamond hat pins. One of the pins, she told me, Mr. Leeds's father had brought from Europe. It was of gold set with emeralds. One of the pins had three initials. One of the initials was made of diamonds, another of emeralds and the third of onyx. She also had a circle of diamonds made up as a pin."

The beauty specialist tells of going to Sloane Maternity Hospital in November or December, 1919, where Mrs. Leeds was undergoing treatment. One week later she saw her at her apartment, 64 East Eighty-sixth Street. She had not quite recovered when the specialist called to treat her hair.

"Mrs. Leeds was in bed," continued the informant. "I saw at this apartment a man of whom she spoke as Mr. Leeds. I recognize in a picture of Mr. Stillman the man I saw that day. There was also a boy between one and two weeks old, and Mrs. Leeds told me he was her son. She called Mr. Leeds 'J.' When I saw him in Mr. Leeds's apartment he was in her room. It was about six o'clock in the evening. After that Mrs. Leeds came to my office to have her hair bleached to a blonder hue.

"When I first knew her her hair was quite blonde. Then it changed to a brick-red color, and after she came to us to have it bleached it became a lighter shade of red."

Saw Leeds Leave Her Rooms

Several times during the summer of 1920, the specialist declared, she went to the Plaza Hotel to attend Mrs. Leeds, and on one occasion she went to her client's bedroom about 10:30 o'clock and saw the remains of a breakfast for two on the serving table. Mr. Leeds was leaving the apartment as she entered, she said. That it was

Mrs. Leeds who christened Mr. Stillman's yacht Modesty is indicated in the following statement:

"I have manifested Mrs. Leeds as late as January, 1921. She told me she was going to Florida next day, and that she intended to go on the yacht with some friends, but that she was not a good sailor and had finally decided to go by train. One time last summer she told me she was going to christen a yacht that day and that she was in a hurry."

On another occasion her client revealed that Mr. Leeds had purchased a cooperative plan apartment on Park Avenue for her, according to the witness. She said he paid \$45,000 cash for it, and that she had spent \$17,500 for redecorating it.

Mrs. Leeds showed me twenty \$100 bills and told me she was going to deposit them in a bank," declared this woman. "She said that Mr. Leeds made her an allowance of \$2,000 a month and that she deposited it in her bank. When he first made her an allowance several years ago she used to carry around \$100 bills, she told me, for she thought it fun to have them changed. She had got over that, however, and assured me that now she sometimes scarcely had carfare, for she put everything in the bank. My charge for manicuring was 75 cents. She never gave me a tip."

Jay Called Visitor "Daddy"

In addition to the revelations made by this woman, other new witnesses have come forward who are ready to testify to happenings in New York and at the Cleveland Cottage, Florida, where Mr. Stillman was alleged to have been with Mrs. Leeds and Baby Jay. One woman declares she has proof that the baby always called Mr. Stillman "Daddy," and that all bills at the Miami home were paid to the First National Bank, in the financier's name.

In December, 1920, Mrs. Leeds arrived at the Cleveland Cottage, Florida, a nurse. The Modesty was then anchored in Biscayne Bay, near Miami. Almost every night Mr. Stillman and Mrs. Leeds would leave the yacht and go for a motor ride, according to this witness.

Several witnesses will testify that Mrs. Leeds invariably introduced Mr. Stillman as Mr. Leeds, her husband. One of the New York witnesses describes Mr. Leeds as a "house man who used to mix cocktails for dinner and make coffee and toast." He tells of one occasion when there were broken glasses in the apartment in the morning and he was told that Mrs. Leeds had thrown a glass at the banker during a quarrel.

Counsel for the defense say they have proof that Mr. Stillman was not the godfather of Jay Ward Leeds; that George H. Glidden served in this capacity when the child was baptized in the church of St. Ignace, Loyola.

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